



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

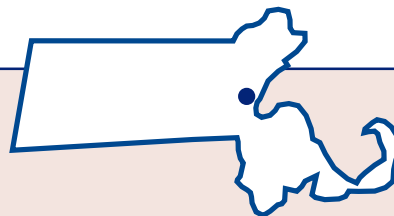
Somerville, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Somerville was selected to receive a cleanup grant. The city has targeted a city-owned property in a densely populated urban area. Somerville has approximately 376 known brownfields. The poverty level in this city of 77,478 people is 25 percent higher than the state average, and the minority population increased 110 percent between 1990 and 2000. Following cleanup, Somerville, with its disproportionately low percentage of open space, has slated the target site to become a neighborhood park that includes a "tot lot" for children. Neighborhood task forces that meet regularly to discuss local issues will be involved in the ongoing revitalization process.



Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Somerville for a cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will target the 30 Allen Street site, which is a former industrial site adjacent to a residential neighborhood with an affordable housing development in close proximity. Vinyl chloride has been found at the site, which has been vacant since 1950 and subject to illegal dumping. Grant funds also will be used for cleanup planning and community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Somerville has received EPA Brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.